

The outstanding restriction requirement has been withdrawn and previously withdrawn claims 45-71 rejoined.

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Charles Cross on 8-19-2011.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the specification, at paragraph [0044], line 4, replace "single particle" with:--single particulate--.

In the claims:

Claim 1, lines 8-10, replace "0.20 percent by weight Na₂O or less, and wherein the average particle size of the cracking catalyst composition is in the range of 20 to 150 microns", with:--less than 0.20 percent by weight Na₂O, and wherein catalyst composition is in the form of a mixture of the Lewis acid component (b) and the zeolite component (a) as separate particulates or, in the form of a composite particulate wherein the inorganic matrix component (c) supports separate particles of Lewis acid component (b) and zeolite component (a)--.

Claim 31, line 2, replace "particles" with:--particulates--, and "particle" with:--particulate--; in line 3 replace "particle" with:--particulate--.

Claim 45, line 10, after "fresh cracking catalyst composition" replace "comprising (a) zeolite, and (b) Lewis Acid-containing component, wherein the cracking catalyst composition further comprises 0.20 percent by weight Na_2O or less" with "--according to claim 1--.

Claim 46, lines 2-3, replace "any one of claims 2-" with "--claim 2--.

Claim 48, lines 4-7, replace "comprising zeolite and Lewis Acid-containing component wherein the cracking catalyst composition further comprises 0.20 percent by weight Na_2O or less" with "--according to claim 1--.

Claim 52, lines 9-10, replace "that comprises about 0.2 percent by weight Na_2O or less", with "--according to claim 1--.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The amendments made to the claims clarify the meaning thereof and the difference between the instant invention and the disclosure of WO 93/19138.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DAVID M. BRUNSMAN whose telephone number is (571)272-1365. The examiner can normally be reached on M, Th, F, Sa; 7:00-5:30.

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